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Minutes of the RESIST Steering Committee meeting, October 5, 1969

ATTENDING

Steering Committee: Noam Chomsky, Bill Davidon, Florence Howe, Paul Lauter, Louis Kampf, Dick Mumma, Grace Paley, Franz Schurmann, Dan Stern, Bob Zevin
Office Staff: Carrie Hatch, Arlene Siegel
Guests: Greg Finger, Howard Zinn

FINANCIAL REPORT

The monthly financial statement was accepted. As part of next month's statement Carrie will prepare an analysis of the money spent on and raised by fund raising.

Addressograph: The person who has been addressing envelopes for newsletter and pledge mailings is no longer able to do so. We have found a manual, demonstrator model of an addressograph that will take the plates we have been using for the mailing lists. We will purchase it as soon as the money (\$310) is available. A special request, included with the last issue of the newsletter, asked people to send whatever they could toward the cost of the machine.

Direct Mail Fund Raising: The mailing went out around October 1. By October 18 all loans and bills for the mailing will have been paid and we will begin to make a profit.

New Call Ads: The New Call will be printed in the New York Review of Books and in the New Republic in issues scheduled to come out as close as possible to the November 13-15 demonstrations in Washington. The money for these ads will be borrowed and then repayed from the direct mail receipts as soon as we have repaid our direct-mail loans. We had raised the money for the ads through contributions sent in by people who received the New Call but the money has already been used for other expenses.

Personnel Grant: Chris Stevens of the office staff has been loaned to the National Mobilization office in Washington for the seven weeks prior to the November 13-15 actions. This was Paul's idea, agreed to by the office staff. All present agreed that the grant was a good idea, but Steering Committee members asked that they be consulted in similar instances in the future.

WHITHER THE MORATORIUM??

Discussion about the effect of the Moratorium on the anti-war protest movement revealed a general fear that, following the November 13-14 Moratorium and the November 13-15 protests in Washington, anti-war protest activity will decline sharply. Two reasons for this were projected: Nixon might make some token moves that could be interpreted as a response to protest activities. Even if he doesn't do anything, people may feel they have worked hard and so can rest and wait for Nixon to yield to their demands as quickly as possible. As one means of trying to prevent this, Paul proposed that RESIST arrange a meeting for Moratorium organizers in Washington on November 16 (the day after the mass march sponsored by National Mobe, in which many of them will be participating). Using the theme "Withdrawal of the Consent of the Governed", the speeches and workshops will attempt to give moratorium organizers a clear political focus around which to organize future Moratoriums in their communities.

(Office note: A copy of Paul's organizing schedule for this meeting is attached. Essential to the success of such a meeting are two factors: the people attending

it and those conducting the workshops. We will attempt to get people who have been active in Moratorium organizing to attend the meeting. Leaders for the workshops need not come only from Boston and Baltimore. A primary reason for including Paul's memo is to encourage everyone on the Steering Committee to look for people who would be good discussion leaders for the proposed workshops and recruit them for the meeting. Please keep the office up-to-date as to who you have found to do what. We need a fairly firm schedule of workshop leaders by November 4.)

THE LEMMING PROJECT

RESIST will not be a co-sponsor for the Lemming Project. The reasons for this decision are two: A persistent minority has opposed RESIST's sponsorship of the rally since it was first proposed at the July 14 Steering Committee meeting. Also, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam and the War Resisters' League-New York, two of the groups approached about co-sponsoring the rally with us, decided not to do so. The rally will take place, probably on November 14 in Washington, under the sponsorship of A Quaker Action Group, the Philadelphia Resistance, the University Council on Problems of War and Peace, and the Delaware War Resisters' League (and possibly the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

Howard Zinn, who was invited to the meeting to present his ideas about RESIST's sponsorship of the rally, argued that it is not the right action for RESIST at the time of the Washington actions and that it is not an action that will broaden the anti-war movement. He would like to see RESIST sponsor some other type of civil disobedience more directly related to getting the troops out of Vietnam (such as a sit-in at the White House, in which those arrested are continually replaced by other demonstrators).

OTHER ITEMS

The World-Wide Call: Noam will send the Call and the signatures he has collected to Peggy Duff of the International Council for Disarmament and Peace for further action. We will publish the Call and a list of signers in the Newsletter.

Civil Liberties Legal Defense Fund: Greg Finger reported that the CLLDF will not put out their next fund-raising letter until three weeks after ours. Many thanks, brothers! However, they do need more money rather quickly, and so would appreciate prompt repayment of their loan to Doug McCay. CLLDF has recently decided on two new policies: 1) Because they feel they should not contribute to the overhead of unsympathetic law firms, they will not usually pay overhead expenses for lawyers. They will, however, continue to pay out-of-pocket costs. 2) CLLDF would like to give money to projects with "growth potential". An example is the Southern Legal Action Movement.

RESIST Brochure: The office staff and area people will cooperate in designing a new brochure that will fill their needs for descriptive material about RESIST.

Literature: We will have several articles (the New York Review of Book's piece on the trial of the Milwaukee 14; the New York Times' article on desertion to Canada; an article by Gabriel Kolko; and perhaps one by Franz Schurmann) reprinted and kept in the office for distribution.

Press Conference: No definite plans for a press conference exist at present. The one on October 6 never happened. Since RESIST is no longer co-sponsoring the Lemming Project, a press conference right now would only serve to announce the New Call and the Panther petition. People agreed that something more newsworthy was needed before a press conference would be useful. November 17 is a possibility; people could then also discuss the November 16 meeting.

FUNDING REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER

1. GIs United, Spring Lake, North Carolina: The Servicemen's Fund had given them \$50/month for their paper. Zevin will check into their other needs. Any action postponed until the next meeting.
2. Student Mobilization Committee New England Regional Office, Cambridge, Mass.: No. They are not thought to be into the kind of organizing RESIST is interested in promoting.
3. OM (Roger Priest, Washington, D.C.): \$150 from RESIST. He will also receive \$100 from the Servicemen's Fund. He has been asked to run the New Call in the November issue of OM.
4. Resurrection City, Browns, Alabama: No. We are not in the construction business.
5. Larry Cox: No, but we will consider a concrete proposal for a project in Germany if he sends us one. Why wasn't the September rent for the apartment in Paris paid?
6. Peace Information Center, Columbia, Missouri: \$250. Wish we could afford more.
7. Draft Help, San Francisco: Referred to Franz Schurmann for further investigation. He knows of a funding group in California that might be able to take care of this after he has checked it out.
8. Draft Help Office, Los Angeles: \$450 (\$150/month for 3 months).
9. Draft Resistance Union of Memphis: \$600 (\$200/month for 3 months).
10. RYM-2, Chicago: \$150.
11. Rising Up Angry, Chicago: \$300 (\$150/month for 2 months).
12. GIs United, Baltimore: \$200 (\$50/month for 4 months). The Servicemen's Fund will also give them \$50/month for 4 months.
13. Forum on GI Organizing (sponsored by GIs United, Baltimore): \$100.
14. Boston November Action: No. Tell them to raise it locally.
15. Waterbury Peace and Freedom, Waterbury, Connecticut: Postponed for further investigation
16. October 12 Demonstration at Fort Dix, New Jersey: \$300.

THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE IN CAMBRIDGE ON NOVEMBER 9.

FUNDING REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER

Granted

Suggest

1. GI's United, Spring Lake, North Carolina: \$500 toward the costs of their programs -- The Servicemen's Fund has taken care of this. ✓
2. Student Mobilization Committee New England Regional Office, Cambridge, Mass.: \$500 for office expenses x

150/100 SM 3. CM (Roger Priest, Washington, D.C.): \$300 to pay for the printing of the fourth issue (Special Court-Martial Edition) R50

4. Resurrection City, Browns, Alabama: \$500 to enable them to complete one A-frame and start another x

5. Larry Cox: \$350 (third payment on grant to the AC in France) for GI organizing in Germany 300

250 6. Peace Information Center, Columbia, Missouri: \$500 of the money (\$1000) needed to set up their office 250

7. Draft Help, San Francisco: Whatever we can give toward the costs of their project (their monthly budget is \$2455) ?

150/3 8. Draft Help Office, Los Angeles: \$200/month for 3 or 4 months for office rent and telephone 150/3

200/3 9. Draft Resistance Union of Memphis: Money for mimeo paper, printed literature, and a telephone (Wayne recommends \$200-250/month.) 200

\$150 10. RYM-2, Chicago: Funds to help pay organizing expenses for their October 6-11 actions in Chicago 200

150/2 11. Rising Up Angry, Chicago: \$300/month for 6 months for expenses and \$300 more the first month to set up an office

150/4 12. GI's United, Baltimore \$400/4 mos. 80/4

\$100 13. GI Forum, Oct. 25 100

✓ 14. Boston New Action 1000

15. Waterbury PAT ??

1300 16. Ft. Dix ↑

RESIST Financial Statement for October 2, 1969

Balance on Sept. 7, 1969

531.15

Deposits

Contributions	373.50	
Resubscribes	81.00	
Pledges	2104.84	
New Call	2167.68	
Direct Mail #1	140.00	
High School Kit	15.00	
Woodcuts	200.00	
To cover personal loan	25.00	
Check cashed(money paid out in Aug.)	33.00	
	<u>5140.02</u>	<u>5140.00</u>
		5671.17

Disbursements

Grants

Jim Grant	100.00
Ark. Rad. Media Corp.	75.00
Ind. U. Comm. to end the war in VN	50.00
The Spark	50.00
Arnie Korotkin(Rap)	100.00
OMEGA	30.00
Vietnam GI	250.00
Extra	200.00
People for Adequate Welfare	200.00
Young Patriots	200.00
Waterbury P & F.	<u>100.00</u>
	1335.00

Emergency Grants

N.E. Portsmouth Action Council	25.00
Susan George, ADC, F.	100.00 (There is a story with this one)
Shakedown - Oct. 12 Rally	<u>200.00</u>
	325.00

Total Grants 1680.00

Operating Expenses

Payroll	867.55
Postage	435.56
Copy/Printing	320.63
Office Supplies	73.97
Office Maintenance	143.04
Travel Expenses	301.00
Transfer to D.M.	300.00
S.C. Food	15.00
I.C.D.F. dues	50.00
Federal Taxes	600.37
Loan for Panther Rally - Boston	100.00
Personal loan	25.00
Newsletter	28.00
Subscriptions	18.30

Total Operating Expenses

Total Disbursements

3278.42
4958.42

Balance on Oct. 2, 1969

712.75

Encumberments

Grants

Peacemakers	100.00
Jim Grant	100.00
Arnie Korotkin (Rap)	75.00
OMEGA	20.00
Payroll	1000.00
Phone	150.00
Rent	130.00
Mass. Taxes	<u>250.00 (approx.)</u>
Total Encumberments	1825.00

Unencumbered Balance

-1112.25

Probable Income

4500.00
3387.75

(No Direct Mail Money until Nov.)

Owed on mailing:

4000 CLLDF
1200 Walsh
600 misc. -

310 tax Addressograph

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